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TAGS: ASEC (UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE TRIP)

SUBJECT: UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, JOHN K. TABOR, EAST ASIAN
TRIP INTELLIGENCE

REF: STATE 046025

1. AS RESULT IMPOSITION IN JANUARY OF EMERGENCY MEASURES BY ROKG, THERE IS NOW CERTAIN DEGREE OF POLITICAL TENSION IN SEOUL BETWEEN GOVT ON ONE HAND AND STUDENTS, RELIGIOUS FACTIONS AND POLITICAL OPPOSITION WHICH, NOW THAT STUDENTS ARE RETURNING TO CAMPUSES, COULD CONCEIVABLY LEAD LATTER TO STAGE PROTEST DEMONSTRATIONS AT ANY TIME. CONSULTATION WITH INTELLIGENCE SOURCES, HOWEVER, REVEALS NO DEFINITE PLANS FOR SUCH DEMONSTRATIONS DURING PERIOD UNDERSEC WILL BE IN SEOUL.

2. SHOULD THEY OCCUR, DEMONSTRATIONS WOULD NOT BE DIRECTED AGAINST US MISSION OR UNDERSEC'S PRESENCE. DEMONSTRATIONS OF THIS NATURE NORMALLY BEGIN ON CAMPUSES, WHICH ARE LOCATED IN AREAS WHICH UNDERSEC WILL NOT BE VISITING, AND AUTHORITIES ARE CONFIDENT OF ABILITY TO CONTAIN ANY THAT MIGHT OCCUR. EMBASSY BELIEVES THERE LITTLE OR NO RISK OF EMBARRASSMENT OR HARM TO UNDER SECRETARY PERSONALLY.

3. ROK GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS/COMMERCIAL COMMUNITY
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WELCOMES UNDERSEC'S VISIT AND ATTITUDE OF PUBLIC, TO

EXTENT IT AWARE, WILL BE GENERALLY FRIENDLY AND SYMPATHETIC TO VISIT AS ADDITIONAL MANIFESTATION OF US INTEREST IN AND FRIENDSHIP FOR ROK.

4. RSO WILL CONTINUE CLOSE CONTACT WITH INTELLIGENCE SOURCES UP TO AND DURING UNDER SECRETARY'S VISIT.

5. KOREAN NATIONAL POLICE WILL PROVIDE NORMAL SECURITY COVERAGE REQUESTED BY RSO FOR THIS TYPE VISIT.

6. AFTER ACTION REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED.
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